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SENT BONN 9, REPEATED INFORMATION DEPARTMENT 8.

Reference: Berlin's 1341 to Bonn, repeated Department 1411;
CINCUSAREUR's SX 4947 and SX 4950.

In amplification of initial sentence paragraph 3 first reference telegram, we referred specifically in our opening remarks to General Zakharov's message of June 28 to General Hodes. After describing its general nature and indicating that it seemed to embody a measure of agreement between two generals which might serve as a possible basis for documentation, we said that a sample document had been prepared in which attempt made to embody various points on single sheet of paper. This we would give to Markushin for his examination and comments after consultation with British and French before meeting with Soviets, we have decided it would be highly undesirable to read or to give entire text of Zakharov's message to Markushin. Reference in second paragraph to alleged Hodes' agreement to listing on document of "quantity and nature of military cargo" could have been used by Soviets to contest very point we were trying to make, namely that term "supplies and equipment" should suffice designation of cargo carried in military vehicles. Moreover, we did not feel it wise to call attention during meeting to reference to "military trains" in third paragraph of Zakharov's message, since every one agreed on allied side any attempt to reopen question of train documentation should be avoided.

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